



**Agenda Item 11 - Matters Pertaining to the Secretariat (and Management Committee)**

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Our thanks to the Management Committee for their work on the review of the ATT process.

Control Arms maintains that the Working Groups are critical to driving substantive progress in the development, implementation and universalization of the Treaty, including due to the participation of experts from capitals and sponsored delegates. For this reason, we proposed during the May Preparatory Meeting that one day be reallocated from the Preparatory Meeting to extend the Working Groups. This additional day does not necessarily need to be dedicated to plenary sessions, but could usefully be used for officeholders and others to conduct informal consultations.

Control Arms encourages the Management Committee to keep under review “the key elements of the revised programme of work”. While the revised Programme of Work focus on practical implementation and space for ad hoc discussions has been well received, it is important that, moving forward, the carefully prepared presentations by States Parties and stakeholders help support a shared assessment of progress toward the Treaty’s goals. These discussions should serve to identify common understandings, highlight best practices, and address ongoing challenges with treaty compliance. Otherwise, we are concerned that there is a risk of the Working Groups being mere “show and tell” sessions.

As a global coalition participating in the ATT meetings, we are concerned at the proposal for hybrid meetings to be replaced by a live-streamed option. While we appreciate the increasing financial constraints on the budget for ATT meetings, this would mean that delegates who cannot travel to meetings in person would in effect be removed from the ATT CSP process. This would likely have a disproportionate effect on delegations that already face financial burdens, which are overwhelmingly from the global south. As such, it would be helpful in the first instance to understand the cost differences between the hybrid and live-streaming options.